

THE POCAHONTAS TIMES

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The engineer had been good and drunk. Conferring with Old Man Grog; When he took out his train he was feeling punk. And he reached for the hair of the dog; Then he tried a curve with an open throttle. And the dead strewed the right of way. And the suits that sprang from a whiskey bottle. Pended for many a day.

We have tried to get word to lawyers who live in wet states as to the effect that Prohibition will have upon their occupation if it prevails with them. When West Virginia went dry it was not even hinted that a very respectable profession would be greatly injured. But during the years that beastly stuff has been stamped out in West Virginia, the consciousness has gradually come that it only takes about half as many lawyers in a dry state as it does in a wet country.

The question has come to the front again on account of the proposed Federal amendment. It is pretty evident that it is going to prevail. It shocks the reasoning powers of many lawyers that communities will not be given the right to decide this question locally, but that has been thoroughly tried out in past generations and it is considerable of a failure. And if there was any state which showed anything like universal desire to remain wet, then it would be a different matter. But in every State a very large proportion of the people want Prohibition. It may be that under the new phase that all will vote for it.

It is not now argued that it is not within the power of a state to control the sale of liquor. Those states that adopted it made a sacrifice to right, in that much trade has been given up to wet states, and the only way that it can be made anything like even for all the states to go dry. As a violent attack on logic it is nothing as compared to the abolition of slavery. That was a case in which the Federal government took action in behalf of a class of persons—the colored people—when the state had refused to free them. There may have been little warrant of law for the Federal interference beyond the fundamental right, and the spirit of Christianity.

For those who are called for the law in the states. The slump in their business rests on another reason. Lawyers are necessary evils. It is their office to advise and aid in time of trouble. A law suit in a family is second only to sickness and death in point of seriousness. Defending criminals is a small part of a lawyer's business so far as making a living is concerned. It is a very spectacular part and a jury trial over a malefactor which the lawyer may receive ten dollars makes more noise in a community than a chancery suit that may bring the lawyers hundreds of dollars in fees and allowances.

Fees in criminal cases are such inconsiderable parts of the increment of the profession that they are not worth considering. Of course the volume of crime greatly diminishes in a dry state and the jails are empty. But the thing that makes lawyers in dry states seek other occupations is the civil business. There is an immediate decrease in the cases arising out of failures. When a business goes to the bad, then the lawyers step in and work of salvage is carried on and all the different questions of law and equity over priority and preference is worked out, affording exercise to the keen discriminating minds of the lawyers, and for this kind of work there is a substantial consideration.

Administration of dead men's estates show an alarming decrease. Take liquor away from a harassed and worried business man and his life is greatly prolonged, and the ungrateful client proceeds to outlive his lawyer.

Carelessness and negligence, which bring so many cases in court, are eliminated to a great extent. Sober men are even tempered men, comparatively speaking, and they can more often compose their differences than those whose ideas and ideals are clouded by the use of liquor. There is no question but that the use of liquor changes a man's disposition. It makes him quarrelsome, spiteful, irritable and his mood provokes the same bad quality in his adversary, and then it is a fight in court or out of court, and oftentimes both.

Liquor dulls the sense or honor and there are more cases of fraud and deceit in men who drink than in those who do not.

Probably the most respectable difference that are tried in court are those which arise from the difference in the construction of contracts and other writings by the par-

ties to the same. Under stimulation men enter into undertakings quickly and without understanding the nature of the obligation. When another construction is placed on the contract, there comes a sense of wrong that leads straight to the door of his lawyer, and from there to the courthouse.

We are not discussing drunkards in this connection. We are talking about that ninety percent or drinkers who automatically cease to use the stuff the moment it becomes inconvenient to obtain. When a state goes dry, there is less for the lawyers to do, for the business men have their affairs in better shape, and from the very beginning the stream of law suits starts to dry up at the source, and fewer lawyers are needed.

The civilized world cannot go on without lawyers but it can very readily be seen that a state of circumstances can very easily arrive when more than half of the customary numbers can be spared for other work.

Doctors are necessary evils, too, but they are not affected in the same way that lawyers are. A live man be he ever so healthy is better than a dead man, for when a man dies the doctor's work is done, and the lawyer steps in to take care of the estate. The medical profession is helped by Prohibition. A short life and a merry one makes a patient that soon ceases to need a physician.

When a state goes dry it is the lawyer who should be identified.

This town is a living example of the good of Prohibition. It had local option always, you might say, but the county had means of supply that actually aggravated the situation. It was known as the jug trade. Buying in bulk certainly did bring on some notable drunks. The town went along for years without suing out a charter as an incorporated town.

There was opposition to it on the part of a great land company that would be taxed. Finally it got so bad here on account of the drunks that something had to be done. The railroad was building all up and down the valley and the pick and shovel men came here to take their pleasure, this being then as now, the largest town on the division. It is no exaggeration to say that there came a time when as many as a dozen men could be seen sleeping off the effects of whiskey on Main Street. They lay in the side ditches leaving a place for wagons to pass and the sidewalks were kept reasonably clear. Many a time we have come across the bridge and looked at Main Street and the

people that were in the need. In this day and time, we can hardly believe our recollection when we remember those scenes, but it is too vivid to be forgotten.

Another live recollection of those days is the smell that came out of a certain business house—a whiskey smell that could not be mistaken. And as one walked Main Street the dirty hands of drunken men stretched out and laid upon you with the request of a loan of a quarter. Ladies wanting to go to the store or to church always had men to escort them in those days.

The proceeding to incorporate was forced upon the people and once started it was unanimously approved. We remember something about handling the drunks on the first day that the town government began to function. The writer had been elected mayor. We got an able sergeant and some policemen, and one Monday we were ready for business. Nobody will ever know with what dread we all undertook to discipline the disorderly element. We all held a little caucus at the court house and decided on a plan. As we walked down the street we saw a bunch of tramp-like men, perhaps a dozen, passing a bottle under an apple tree that stood where the First National Bank building now stands. It was a nice summer day. It was decided that a policeman would go to that band and pick out one of the most harmless looking wrecks and bring him up and go back for the others. This was done and when he went back for another captive they were all gone and they have never been back since.

We had never tried a man but we tackled the job and there was no defense. The finding of the court was that he pay five dollars fine. He said that he did not have a cent, and he looked the part. The court further decided that he would have to work out the fine on the streets, and he agreed to be introduced to work, evidently a stranger to him.

So the court and the police took him across the river to the extreme end of the corporate limits, and found him a pick and a shovel and set him to work in the side ditch. We gave him strict instructions to work until dinner time at which time he was to come to the jail for his dinner, rest an hour, and then resume work until six o'clock, and then come to the jail for the night. This he was to do until his labor had repaid the government for the trouble that he had caused society. We left him digging in the ditch, and that is the last

time any of us have seen that man.

A woman told us later that after we got out of sight, the man had stopped work, looked and listen for some time, then softly laid by his tools and stole away towards Lewisburg.

The town authorities felt that they had singled him out in a way that called for some consideration, so they made him a trusty.

As long as liquor was brought here there were cases of disorder from drunkenness and it was absolutely necessary to have a police force, and they had to be men. No weak man had any business on the police force here handling a man crazed by liquor.

John Fox's tales of similar conditions on the Cumberland were like our experiences with drunken men here. We never thought the time would come when policemen could be spared. They were regarded as the most important part of government.

When the state went dry in name and in fact, arrests for drunkenness practically ceased. At this time there is no salaried policeman in town. The people show no apprehension for they feel that like any other community of the county, that if occasion arises in which the services of an officer are required, that they can rely upon the sheriff and the constables, which they help to maintain along with the other divisions of the county.

It is such an epoch in the history of the town, that we feel that it ought to be commented upon, and that due credit ought to be given to the working of the Prohibition laws. Life here may be dull and dreary, but it is a whole lot better than the feverish times that we once had.

Judges should be appointed and not elected by the people. They should be appointed for indefinite terms, except that the terms of office should not exceed the periods now fixed. That is they should be subject to removal by responsible authority. They should not be subject to the referendum, and they should not be subject to impeachment except by the legislature. The appointing power should be either in the Governor or the legislature, and the removing power should be in the Supreme Court, upon the intimation say of the Attorney General's office.

It is hard to lay down a satisfactory rule. But after long years we have come to the conclusion that the election of judges as nominees of political parties is the trouble that it makes the lawyer who would be judge, become a candidate and ask for votes, notwithstanding the fact that he is required to hold the scale of justice even and true in controversies arising between the voters whose support he has enlisted.

The decision of a judge is too momentous a thing to be rendered by a volunteer. And when a learned lawyer becomes a candidate for the nomination and continues as a candidate for election, he is put in the position of a man who volunteers to decide controversies between persons, which is an intolerable thing. The divinity that doth hedge a judge is a very precious thing to the right kind of lawyers, and the place is generally the goal of their ambitions. They forget that the fatal decision concerning life, liberty, and possessions, is so solemn a thing, that no man can be sure enough of himself to justify him in becoming a volunteer. All lawyers want to be judges, but no judge has ever found the place to be like a bed of roses.

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THE HISTORY OF MY PIG

By Winters Hill, Club Member, Little Levels District

She is a Berkshire, seven months and twenty-one days old. I am going to keep her for a brood sow, so I have not tried to fatten her but merely keep her growing good.

I have been a club member for four years; first I was a two hundred hills of corn member; second an eighth acre potato member; third an acre corn member, and now a pig member. I think that next year I still will be a pig club member.

When there is a large number of hogs on the farm a self-feeding hog trough or house is sometimes advised. This keeps plenty of fresh food for the hogs at all times. When the hogs are fed on the ground or in pen troughs they are not getting any good out of the milk, because they have a trough, which is as the saying is, "more holy than righteous," and the thing to do is to get a good trough.

Hogs should be kept plenty of things to drink, such as water, slops from the kitchen, and milk. Some people feed all of their milk to their hogs but they do not gain like they should and they get to looking into the matter and see that about half of the milk is going out on the ground. Get a trough and save your feed.

Hog diseases are not very common although there are some common pests such as lice and ticks. One way of killing these pests is by pouring kerosene oil on the back of the hog which runs down all over it and kills the lice. The best way to kill them is to use one of the oils. The oil is put into the tank and when the hogs rise it comes out on his back and kills the lice and ticks.

As soon as the bigs are old enough to begin to eat there should made a pen and a small trough put in it so a person can feed the pigs without the interference from the sow.

The play entitled King William, very popular forty years ago, had but three verses and could be played by any number of boys and girls. Each boy selected a girl and then took their places on the floor forming two lines one of boys and the other of girls facing each other. When the chorus was sung the first boy and girl at the foot of the line joined hands and kneeled kissing and rising to their feet. Then while the first two verses was being sung these two marched to the head of the line, the boy going up behind the line of boys and the girl going up behind the line of girls, the next couple at the foot going through the same performance till all

was made to "All promenade." This was done by the first couple at the head locking arms and marching down between the lines, each pair following. When the first couple reached the foot they separated and stood facing each other, the next couple passing them separated, passed behind them and took their places next; above till all were back in line again, then the play proceeded as at first and might be kept up as long as they wished to play. The song went: King William was King James' son, And from the royal race he sprung, And on his heart he wore a star, Of gold and silver the sign of war.

Go choose ye east, go choose ye west, Go choose the one that you love best, And if she's not here to take her part, Go choose another with all your heart.

Chorus: On this carpet you must kneel, As sure as the grass grows in the field, Salute your bride and kiss her sweet, Then you may rise unto your feet.

Rev. O. P. McNeill, Huntersville, W. Va.

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BY ANNA L. PRICE
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The prattling voice the toddling feet,
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His very playthings saddening look,
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With a broken bud till tears are dry;
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To say, 'tis well—I drink this cup.'

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"The Kaiser boldly threw down the gage of battle—Infidel Germany against the believing world—Kultur against Christianity—the Gospel of Hate against the Gospel of Love. Thus is the Satan personified—'Myself and God,' merely his way of proclaiming it—for his 'God' is Beelzebub, the Angel of Destruction, his creed the devil's own, his aim and end a hell on earth. Never did Crusader lift battle-axe in holier war against the Saracen than is waged by our soldiers of the Cross against the German. The issues are indeed identical.

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"Let every American soldier swear this day that he will link him and his with the Christ Child—the Light of Love—that suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, that descended into Hell, that the third day arose from the dead and ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty!"

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